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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The catalyst composition according to claim 2, A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (1):

$$A_{1-x}A'_xB_{1-(v+z)}B'_yN_zO_3$$
 (1)

wherein A represents at least one element selected from alkaline earth metals;

A' represents at least one element selected from rare earth elements;

B represents Ti;

B' represents at least one element selected from transition elements (excluding rare earth elements, Ti, Rh, and Pt) and Al;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt;

x represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \le x \le 0.4$;

y represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 \le y < 0.5$;

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \le 0.5$; and

x represents 0 when N represents Pt alone;

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr, and Ba in the general formula (1); and

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wherein y represents 0 in the general formula (1).

- 4-7. (Canceled).
- 8. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (2):

$$AB_{1-z}N_zO_3 \tag{2}$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti;

N represents at least one element selected from Rh and Pt; and z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: 0<z≤0.5.

9. (Original) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (3):

$$AB_{1-z}Rh_zO_3 \tag{3}$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca, Sr and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \le 0.5$.

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10. (Previously Presented) A catalyst composition comprising a perovskite-type composite oxide represented by the following general formula (4):

$$AB_{1-z}Pt_zO_3 (4)$$

wherein A represents at least one element selected from Ca and Ba;

B represents Ti; and

z represents an atomic ratio satisfying the following condition: $0 < z \le 0.5$.

11-20. (Canceled).